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In re Application of: Beckous et al.

Serial No.: 10/618,475

Filed July 11, 2003

For: Method and Apparatus for a High Frequency Impedance Controlled Probing Device With Flexible Ground Contacts

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

- 1. Response to Office Action (4 pages).
- 2. Petition For Extension of Time (1 page)

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and reconsider the application in light of the amendments and subsequent remarks.